



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

April 14, 2023

Department Updates

It's landscaping season in the **Street Department!** Crews are out performing **dirt & seed restorations** throughout the City as a result of water main breaks, parkway tree removals, and other maintenance work. Applying grass seed in early spring gives it plenty of time to **grow and establish itself** while the temperatures are still mild. In addition to regular maintenance, we're also busy with **beautification!** Our **skilled horticulturists** are excited to bring all their designs to life once again – here's a peek at the **gorgeous tulips blooming** at the Public Works & Engineering building! Stay tuned for more blooming beauty throughout the City!

The **Water Department** acquired an important piece of safety equipment this week – a **light plant**. To safely do at job at night, the best lighting possible is critical. **High intensity, vehicle-mounted telescoping light towers** provide the illumination needed to safely complete **nighttime maintenance operations**. The new light plant will greatly aid the Water Department in completing **main break repairs, hydrant replacements,** and other **emergency tasks** during the night.

The **Sewer Department** sent a few crew members to the **Illinois Wastewater Professionals Conference** in Springfield this week. They learned from a community of dedicated professionals working to **advance the fundamental knowledge of wastewater treatment**. The conference consisted of engineers, scientists, plant operators, educators, and industry reps networking together to brainstorm and discuss **the most optimal ways to operate a wastewater treatment plant**. We are looking forward to them applying these studied concepts and skills to our Division St treatment plant as we continue its **improvements and expansion**.

Project Updates

- **16th St & Madison St Reconstruction Project** - New watermain has been installed on 16th St from Washington St to Madison St, on Madison St from 16th St to 17th St, on 17th St from Madison St to Lawrence Ave, and on Madison St from 9th St to 10th St. That's **1,500 feet of new watermain** so far!
- **2023 Resurfacing Project** - Sealed bids will be opened on **Thursday, April 20, at 10:30 am** at City Hall. Interested contractors can obtain bid documents by contacting Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.



Sun's out, bulbs out!